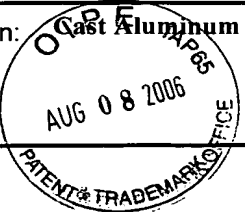




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Applicant(s): Richard A. Marando et al.					
Application No. 10/758,946	Filing Date January 16, 2004	Examiner Sarang Afzali	Customer No. 27210	Group Art Unit 3726	Confirmation No. 6175
Invention: Cast Aluminum Node for Connecting Vehicle Frame Members and Method of Manufacturing Same					
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
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Honorable Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as indicated on the following pages.